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State Board of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists
Austin, Texas

Dear Madam:

Attention: Mrs. Faye Stewart

Opinion No. 0-1727

Re: If a person from another State completed a beauty course before our law was passed of 750 hours and received a diploma, would he be permitted to complete the required 1000 hour course as prescribed by our law, thereafter taking the state board examination, or would he be required to enroll for a full six months' course of 1000 hours to be eligible for the examination?

Your letter of recent date, touching the above matter, has been given our careful attention.

Section 14 of Article 734b, Penal Code of Texas, reads as follows:

"Non-resident hairdressers or cosmetologists and graduates of licensed schools may only apply for the examination under the act upon the payment of the examination and license fee and shall have served the required time as a student or have been engaged in the practice of hairdressing and cosmetology for two (2) years in a state having requirements equal to the requirements as provided in this act."

With reference to the situation instanced in your communication, two things stand out in the statute above quoted. In the first place, recognition is given to non-resident graduates of licensed schools; secondly,

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it is required that such non-resident shall have served the hours required as a student. Elsewhere, in the statute, it is provided that a student shall serve 1000 hours. Presumably, the school of the other state, mentioned in your letter, is a licensed school within the purview of the statute.

You are therefore respectfully advised that it is the opinion of this department that the applicant described by you in your letter should be permitted to complete the required 1000 hour course as prescribed by our law, and thereafter be permitted to take the state board's examination, and that he would not be required to enroll for a full six months' course of 1000 hours to be eligible therefor.

We trust this answers your inquiry satisfactory and we remain

Very truly yours

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